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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re the Patent  
Application of )  
Mary Purvis )  
Serial No. 09/893,770 )  
Filed: June 6, 2001 )  
For: REPLACEABLE COOLER TOPS )  
WITH SPORTS LOGO )

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Examiner: B. Gehman

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In full and timely response to the Official Action dated December 10, 2002 requiring an election of species, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects with traverse, the species of Figs 2A to 4.

It is noted that claims 45 and 53 are generic to all species. It is believed that claim 52 was intended in that it also is generic to all species. At least Claims 46, 51, 54, 56 and 62 also read on the elected species. Allowance of the generic claims will lead to an allowance of all species; allowance of claims to the elected species may result in species generic to some but not all of the species identified by the Examiner.

This election requirement is traversed in that an "undue burden" presented by an examination of all claims has not been shown.

An early examination on the merits of the elected invention,

in light of the art cited in an Information Disclosure Statement based on the International Search Report of March 28, 2002 is solicited.

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